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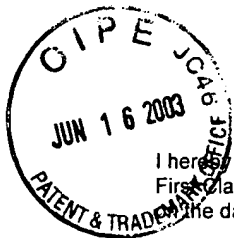
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PATENT
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In re Application of)	
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D. A. Estell <i>et al.</i>)	Group Art Unit: 1644
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Serial No.: 09/677,822)	Examiner: Saunders, D.
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Filed: October 2, 2000)	
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For: Proteins Producing an Altered)	
Immunogenic Response and)	
Methods of Making and)	
Using the Same)	

DECLARATION OF FIONA HARDING UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.131

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Sir:

1. I, Fiona Harding, am a co-inventor of the subject matter embodied in the above-identified patent application.

2. I have read and understand the above-identified patent application, which was filed on October 2, 2000; the priority patent applications Application Serial Number 09/500,135, filed February 8, 2000, and Application Serial Number 09/060,872, filed April 15, 1998; all of the Claims as amended and filed in the "Amendment and Response to Office Action" filed herewith; the Office Action from the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office, mailed January 14, 2003; and the references by Landry (WO 99/06061; published February 11, 1999), and Mouritsen (WO 95/05849; published March 2, 1995).

3. The work that is the subject of the pending Claims and that is described in paragraphs 4 to 11 below, was performed in this country by me or under my supervision.

4. Prior to February, 1999, I successfully carried out assay experiments as described in the present patent application, in which the amino acid sequence of a T-cell

epitope peptide was modified to increase the magnitude of the induced proliferative response. A peripheral blood (PBMC) sample from a Genencor employee who was verified by Genencor's Environmental Health and Safety department as sensitized to *B. lentus* subtilisin was drawn by the Stanford University Blood Center. Monocytes from the PBMC sample were cultured with GM-CSF and IL-4 for 5 days in order to cause the differentiation of dendritic cells (DC). IL-1 and TNF-alpha were subsequently added, and the DC cultures were incubated for another 2 days. The final DC cultures were harvested on day 7. On day 7, CD4+ T cells from the donor PBMC sample were isolated from frozen aliquots.

5. Peptides encompassing the amino acids 160-174 from *B. lentus* subtilisin, and a series of alanine scan peptide variants, were purchased from Mimotopes.

6. CD4+ T cells and DC from the sensitized donor were co-cultured with either the unmodified parent peptide, or the alanine substituted variant peptides. Cultures were incubated for 5 days. On day 5, 0.5 uCi of tritiated thymidine was added to each well of the cell culture. On day 6, the cell cultures were harvested to glass fiber mats, and incorporated tritiated thymidine was measured.

7. This donor had been previously shown to respond to the amino acid 160-174 region of *B. lentus* subtilisin by mounting a CD4+ T cell response. In this experiment, the donor again responded to the unmodified amino acid 160-174 peptide. The stimulation index of the proliferative response (experimental cpm divided by control well cpm) was about 7.

8. Responses to the alanine scan peptides were tabulated. Many of the alanine substituted peptides have no effect on the proliferative response (*i.e.*, the magnitude of the stimulation index to the variant peptide was approximately the same as the response to the unmodified parent peptide). Alanine changed peptides at some of the positions (R, Y, N) had a deleterious effect on the induction of a proliferation response. However, alanine substitutions at both positions #12 and #5 in the peptide resulted in proliferative responses that were more robust than the response to the unmodified parent peptide.

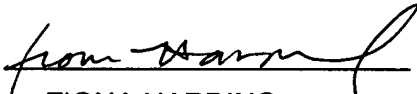
9. Please see Figure 11 in the application as filed, which shows the increased proliferative response to variant peptide carrying changes #5 and #12 as compared to the parent, unmodified peptide sequence.

10. In conclusion, this experiment shows that the modification of a T-cell epitope peptide sequence can result in an increased proliferative response to the polypeptide.

11. These experiments are described on pages 89-99 of my laboratory notebook number 1471, attached hereto at Tab 1.

The undersigned declares further that all statements made herein of her own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under §1001 of Title 19 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing therefrom

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- ① Directed donation by a screened individual. Buffy prepared by Stanford Blood Bank
- ② Ecoli, with, count (205x10⁶): 1 x 10⁹ total.
- ③ Prepare EBV transformed B cells: 2.5m B95 on 2.5m 10% FCS/DMEM + 10⁷ cells.
- ④ Setup DC in a 6 well plate: 4 wells. In-d / GM-CSF 3-50
- ⑤ 10⁶ Response to G436: 1hr G436 40µg/ml in down. IT 40µg/ml in down. ATMV 2 x 10⁵/well. Evt, Amalgam 8 40µg/ml in down.
- ⑥ Setup DC 10⁸ in a T75 for G436 peptide test 3-400
- ⑦ Freeze all other PBMC: 2 x 10⁷/ml in FCS/100% FCS DMSO.
- ⑧ TNF α -1 α to DC G436 20 OUTST. Pulse 10 Response
- ⑨ Harvest 10 Response
- ⑩ in Situ: M. tuberculosis (1/4 um @ 37°C. with DC, cells w/ well. Return washed cells to wells. M29709 DC Count: 100 x 10⁶ = 1 x 10⁷ total.
- ⑪ CD4⁺ Select Column (at # B2757B 10⁸ cells) Column. 3 Column. Pan-purify! pooled 75x10 750 x 10 7.5 x 10⁷ total cells. 37.5m for 2 x 10⁶/ml.
- ⑫ 6 x 10⁶ CD4⁺ T + 1 well of 6 well plate w/ 40µg/ml G436
6 x 10⁶ CD4⁺ T + 1 well of 6 well plate w/ 40µg/ml IL-7
Amalgam on B95 + 10µg/ml IL-7

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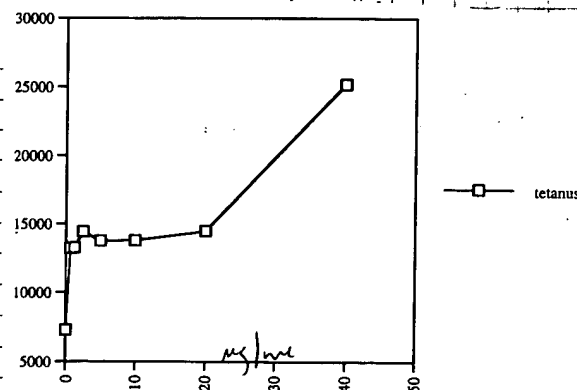
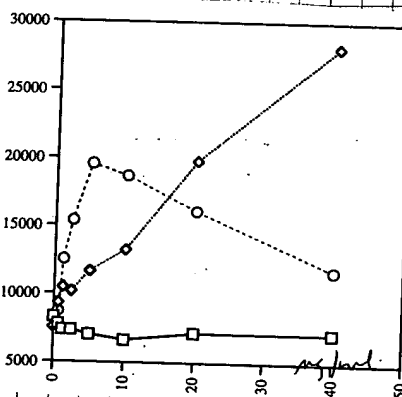
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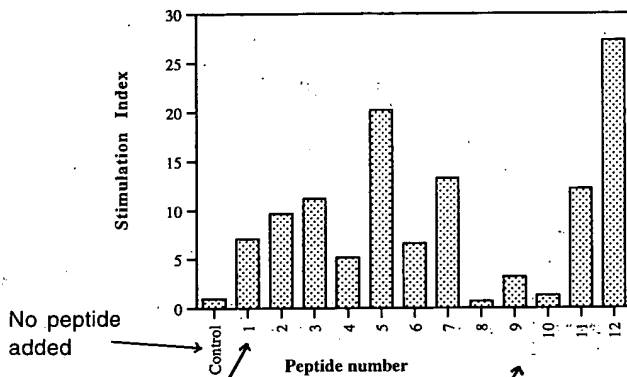
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**M29704 directed donation
Response to alanine substituted EP-2 peptides**



No peptide added

Unsubstituted EP2

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DATE OF REPORT: 02/04/98

HLA-DR: DRB1*01 DRB1*15

DRB, DQB1 performed by PCR-SSP, PCR-RFLP, and/or Sequencing
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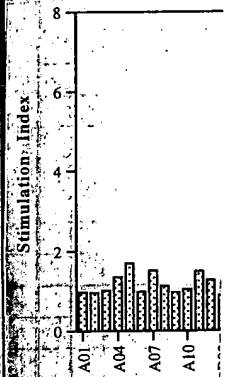
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(13) Prepare

(14) Collect
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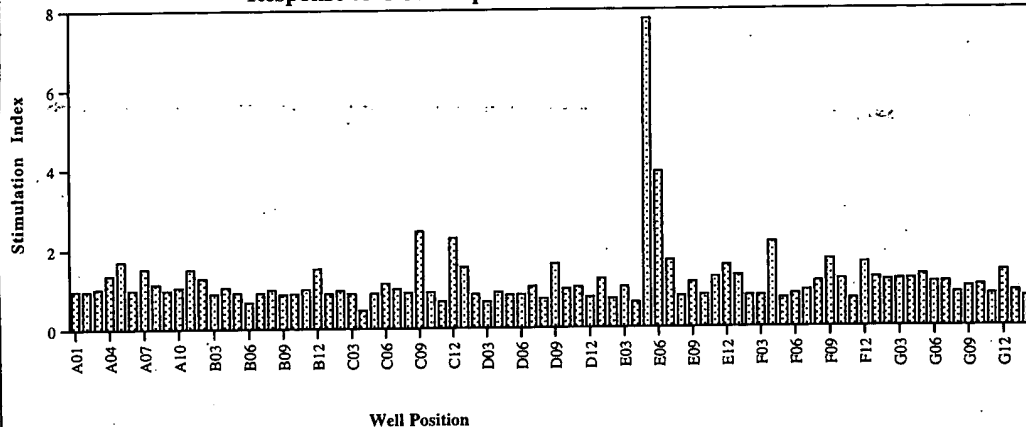
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- (13) Prepare DC from frozen aliquot of cells. On T75 flask
- (14) Collect Activated cells. Wash and Count. Plate in AZMV + 100ul/ml
 IL-2 and 10ng/ml rIL-7
 GG36 primed: 3.8×10^6 total
 Ampyrim primed: 3.1×10^6 total
- (15) harvest CD44/DC response to PepSet and Substituted CP2

M29704 directed donation
 Response to GG36 PepSet 28 Oct 1997 1450P/28-10-1



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M29704 directed donation response to substituted EP2 peptides											
CPM	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
A	4.1	14.3	0	6.1	18.3	8.2	14.3	8.2	4.1	8.2	4.1
B	441.1	328.8	118.5	218.5	2085.5	1070.2	83.9	83.3	137.3	100.4	2812.8
C	833.3	1170.3	851.7	383.5	3458.3	804.5	124.8	83.3	737.8	155.7	839.2
D	881.9	1452.2	2434.8	890.8	575.9	330.9	3801.8	78.6	90.1	122	452.8
E	6.1	10.2	10.2	10.2	10.2	4	4	4	8.1	2	4.1
F	81.4	81.4	140.3	13171.8	5734.4	5770.4	4	4	2	2	2
G	4.1	10.2	4.1	8.1	10	18	8	0	2	2	4.1
H	4.1	2	2	0	0	4	0	6	6.1	4.1	0
AVE											
Ave of trip	712.1	883.8	1135.0	823.5	2039.9	888.5	1343.4	88.7	321.7	127.7	1234.9
SD	7.1	9.7	11.2	5.2	20.2	6.8	15.9	0.7	3.2	1.3	12.2
control	101.0		8225.5								
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(16) Second set of DC. Mitoc in situ 1 hr. Collect, Count
 3.5×10^6 total.

(17) Collect activated cells. Wash. filox. Count.
 G436: 3.0×10^6 total
 Amplex: 2.14×10^6 total.

(18) Plate 5×10^5 /well DC.
 10^6 /well G436 40 μ g/ml G436
 7×10^5 /well Amplex 10 μ g/ml Amplex
 in 2nd. 24 well plate. AMV.

(19) 11 NOV 57: Cells grown very well, then crashed. Today
 look mostly dead.
 filox. Count:
 G436: 1.2×10^5 total
 Amplex: 2.8×10^5 total.

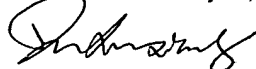
(20) Mitoc treat EBV brifid B cell 45' 100 μ g/ml mitoc.
 wash well. 6×10^5 total.

(21) 48 well plate. 3 wells each. 10^5 EBV B cells/well.
 12 Nov. G436 look to be responsive to
 EBV/Am. Amplex. Culture not so good.

(22) 13 Nov 57. Add 10 μ l/ml IL-2 at 100 μ g/ml DC-7 to all G436
 primed wells.

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